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Hope

1 Peter 1:3-4



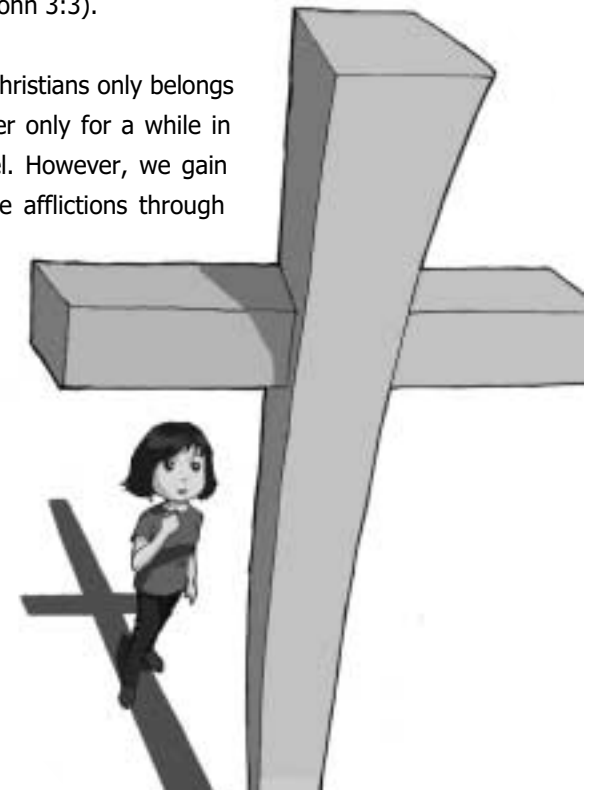
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living _____ through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you (1 Peter 1:3-4)

And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You. (Psalms 39:7)

Before we received salvation through the word of God, we had no hope or any promise in this world (Ephesians 2:12). But one day, we heard the message of the gospel and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we realized the love of God and came to have a living hope of heaven (1 Peter 1:3).

Our worldly friends mock us for having this hope and sometimes, even our own family persecutes us. However, we can rejoice and endure because we keep the hope of resurrection promised by Jesus himself. This hope that dwells in us becomes clear and more abundant in tribulations. If we face hardships, but believe that they're given by God and endure, then we will receive much joy through the perseverance in the hope. Also, since we have a hope of eternal life, we must separate from the sins of this world and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks us a reason for this hope (1 Peter 3:15, 1 John 3:3).

Our hope in this life as Christians only belongs to God. We labor and suffer only for a while in this world to spread gospel. However, we gain strength to overcome those afflictions through this hope and boldly share this hope with others.





01. Before we came to know God, our hope was of this world. How did we come to have this hope of heaven? (Ephesians 1:13)



02. Through perseverance, we gain character. Through character, what kind of outcome can we produce? (Rom 5:4)



03. Let's circle the things that make us forget about the hope of heaven.

fighting, reading bible, hatred, TV,
comic books, video games, prayer,
laziness, fellowship, evangelism



04. There are times we suffer tribulations to spread this gospel. Let's find the ways to overcome these tribulations and write them down. (Romans 15:13)



For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)



{ Looking back }

Parent	Teacher

Today's prayer

Thankfulness/Repentance
/Earnest request

Sun

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Sat

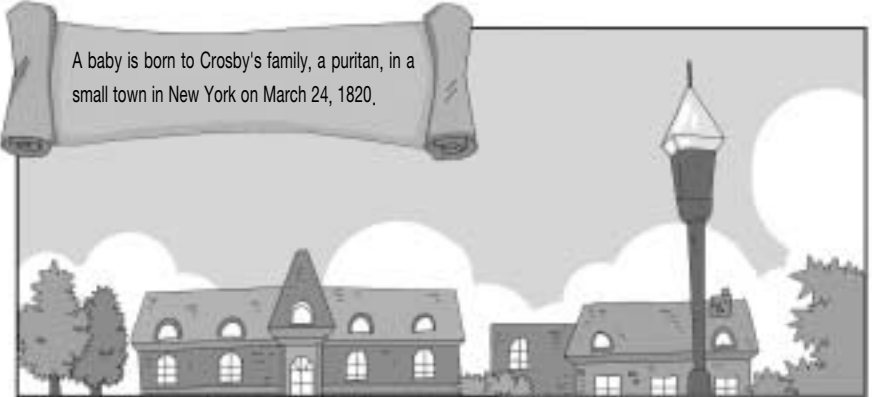


Penny Crosby

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A baby is born to Crosby's family, a puritan, in a small town in New York on March 24, 1820.



Hahaha
Our baby is so
bright~



God has
blessed us.
I want to raise
our precious
child well.



One morning in April



Mom~ Come and
see Penny's eyes.



Her eyes look strange for some reason; maybe because she has cold.



Let's see~ something must be caught in her eyes.

Her eyes are bloodshot and her symptoms don't look good...



But God will protect our baby. Just endure a little bit longer, our pretty girl~

A few days later

Honey~ Penny doesn't look good.

This is a serious problem. We don't even have a doctor in our town.



Brother, welcome~

Whoa~ Whoa~



Marthy~ We brought the doctor.



He diagnosed many people and treats inflammation very well.

He especially applies mustard poultice~

What? Mustard poultice?



Hum...



Um...



Please step back...







My heart aches too... Nonetheless, we should not resent God despite of what had happened to us.

God is a great God.

He definitely has an amazing plan for us that we are unaware of at this time. Thus, let's trust Him closely, and wait...



To be continued.